

Town of Tyringham
Planning Board Meeting

7:00 PM July 20, 2016

Town Hall, Tyringham, MA 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Mark Curtin, Rebecca Honig, Christina Alsop, April Roche

Public Present: Ellen Slater Gonnello, Chas Gonnello

Minutes of 7/6/16 were approved. Minutes of Special Permit Hearing on 7/13/16 were approved.

ANRs, Curtesy Notices, Mail:

-Letter from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, requesting delegate from Tyringham Planning Board

-Great Barrington: Special Permit granted, 106 Hurlburt Rd, replacing foundation of existing bar in a floodplain. Notice of Public Hearing 8/8/16 for 420 Stockbridge Rd, request to construct ground mounted solar installation in a floodplain. Notice of Public Hearing 8/22/16 for 59-61 Taconic Ave, request to legalize existing, non-conforming residential building.

Tyringham Building Permits: 25 Jerusalem Rd, replacing chicken coop. 28 Main Rd, re-roofing garage. 151 Main Rd, screened porch addition. 20 Main Rd, solar installation, finish basement including adding bathroom & new framing. 21 Webster Rd, rebuild deck.

New Business: Selectmen asked the Planning Board to consider an addition to the bylaws to address a requirement for elected officials to maintain a particular attendance requirement. The board discussed terms to include identifying a percentage requirement for meeting attendance. Group discussion resulted in considering a 70% meeting attendance requirement. The group also discussed the concept of an elected official requesting a leave of absence. Possible text: The Selectboard has the authority to replace an elected official, should the official be unable to fulfill the requirement of 70% meeting attendance.

Old Business:

-Reviewed previous discussion around a new bylaw allowing a 2nd dwelling on a property. Chas and Ellen reported that they spoke with Board of Health/Selectmen, who confirmed that there are composting toilets that can meet Title V requirements. The board discussed implications related to tying grey water into existing septic system and potential for homeowner to need larger septic system if current system doesn't meet specs

for additional grey water of the auxiliary building.

The group reviewed the recent Monterey bylaw and the ADU Model Bylaw. The Monterey bylaw is quite similar to the model bylaw. The board discussed various considerations to build into a potential Tyringham bylaw. Discussed issues related to identifying maximum size of dwelling, whether or not to designate a distance from the main dwelling, and variations related to attached or separated dwellings.

-Reviewed the Ashuntilly Special Permit. Mark reported that Tri-Town Board of Health has identified a liaison to help consult around specific recommendations to Board of Health.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Our next meeting will be August 17, 2016

Respectfully submitted, April Slater Roche